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10 MS. ROBERTSON: Terry Robertson, fourth

11 generation Nevadan.

12 Thanks for the whistle a few minutes ago

13 because I think we all needed it to wake us up. I hope

14 that everybody that needs to listen is listening now.

15 I've been coming to meetings like this since

16 1982 and I would just like you all to know that the DOE

17 set standards way back then for how they were going to

18 treat the citizens of Nevada and, by darn, that's one

19 standard they have not changed in all this time.

20 They're still treating us disrespectfully. They have

21 dishonored the people that had to leave tonight. And

22 parents with children had to go home at 10:00. It's a

23 travesty. It should not happen. Three hours for us to

24 talk about one of the most important things that's

25 going to happen in our state.

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1 But I'd like to take you back down history

2 lane. The three of you sitting at the table, does the

3 name Paul Laxalt mean anything to you at all? They're

4 shaking their heads "yes" because way back when, Paul

5 Laxalt had the state of Nevada in his hands and he

6 slapped them together and helped produce the reason

7 we're here tonight.

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8 And the first night that I talked was at a

9 meeting run by his lackey, Barbara Vukanovich, if you

10 remember her. And as we were so eloquently speaking

11 against the dump, she approached the podium and said --

12 it's been a long time, so I hope I'm quoting her

13 accurately, anyone that would like to call her and ask

14 her if I've quoted her accurately, I'll be glad to give

15 you my number so you can call and see if I did it right

16 -- "If you're going to continue to come to the

17 microphone to speak about the Yucca Mountain

18 repository, then I must ask that you call it 'the

19 repository' during your remarks."

20 Well, that -- you're all being so kind

21 tonight and so sweet. You know, it started off a

22 little ranky here, but I wish you could have heard the

23 language in that room that night in the North Las Vegas

24 City Council hall as we all tried at once immediately

25 to tell Ms. Vukanovich what she could do with the word

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1 "repository."

2 So here we are 19 years later and, you know,

3 you just wonder. They've not listened to us at all.

4 And the fact of the matter is, all of you who know all

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5 of this science and have been up here so nicely talking

6 about it, it hasn't got a damn thing to do with the

7 science. It was politics that got us into this mess.

8 And in 1982, you didn't see any politicians standing at

9 the podium saying it's not going to come because they

10 were all standing in the closets wondering what the

11 heck to do because the Nevada Legislature back then in

12 la-la land had even passed a resolution asking the

13 United States government to see that the dump, the dump

14 came to Nevada.

15 And it was people, people like the people

16 that had to leave this meeting tonight that would not

17 take yes for an answer, that made the turnabout in the

18 politicians you saw speak hear tonight. The only one

19 we had leading the fight was Senator Bryan. None of

20 them were leading the fight that spoke tonight and most

21 of them lived here back then, except Dario. It was the

22 people. And the people should be allowed to speak, all

23 of them. Not in three hours, but in two days. It's a

24 public hearing. And we should have that opportunity,

25 all of us. Thank you.